

# **The California Film Commission**

A quick guide to services

The California Film Commission (CFC) enhances California's role as the premier worldwide location for all motion picture and television production. Services include:

## **PRODUCTION PLANNING AND TROUBLESHOOTING**

By working with production companies from start to finish, the CFC facilitates all aspects of the filmmaking process (including pre and post-production), and helps resolve filming problems before they occur. The Commission acts as the central point coordinating, with federal, state and local agencies to help ensure cooperation and avoid costly delays in production schedules.

## **INCENTIVE PROGRAMS**

Through its Film California First program anticipated to begin in Winter 2000, the CFC will provide reimbursements to local, state, and federal entities for certain costs incurred in the production of films – costs currently reimbursed by production companies. The program will further promote the growth and development of California's film industry to strengthen California's economy. The State of California is allocating \$15.3 million annually for three years to fund the program.

## **LOCATION ASSISTANCE**

The CFC maintains CinemaScout® ([www.cinemascout.com](http://www.cinemascout.com)), a fully interactive website that features more than 8,000 images of 5,000 California locations available for filming. Continuously growing, CinemaScout® can be searched from any computer, anywhere, using limitless criteria including architecture, historic appearance, and film history. CinemaScout® also offers complete permit, contact, and filming information for each site. Additionally, the CFC has a location resource center and location specialist available to assist location scouts and filmmakers.

## **PERMIT ASSISTANCE**

The CFC is the permit center for state-owned and operated properties. From museums to prisons, fish hatcheries to parking lots, freeways to back roads, and beaches to mountain ranges, the CFC helps filmmakers gain access to perfect film locations. Most importantly, there are no permit or site fees for use of State properties!

## **EMERGENCY FILM PRODUCTION RESPONSE**

To help mitigate unexpected challenges filmmakers might encounter, the CFC provides a 24-hour production assistance hotline.

## **FILM SUPPORTIVE POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

The CFC works with communities and all levels of government to ease barriers that might discourage filming in California. The CFC also hosts training programs for government and public safety employees involved in filming as well as for filmmakers.

Through its programs and services, the CFC ensures that California is the 'first choice' location for all aspects of filmmaking.

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